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at the Jerez Zoo

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## Base closes out Black History Month with luncheon, Gospel Choir



JOC Jon McMillan

*Amy Leikness sings 'Amazing Grace' during the NCTAMS luncheon Friday.*

Trying to educate more people on the contributions African Americans have made to American History was the reason NCTAMS hosted their luncheon. "We do this every year," said Talbot. "We try to get out more information about Black History."

Rota's celebration of African American History month came to a close with a series of activities last week. The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station detachment here hosted a luncheon Friday and the African American Heritage Committee hosted a Gospel Choir and potluck social Sunday night at the Chapel.

"I'm impressed with the number of quality events the base has put on," said ITC(SW/AW) Glenn Talbot, organizer and Master of Ceremonies for the NCTAMS luncheon. "The more people you can teach and get to hear the speeches, the better. We'll never be able to educate everybody, but we can try."

## Bataan Sailors, Marines head home

Lt. Rick Haupt  
BATAANARG PAO

With excitement and anticipation, Sailors and Marines departed port here today for home following five months of service as the on-call amphibious force in the Mediterranean and Middle East operating areas.

The "gators" of Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BATAANARG) and 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) [22d MEU(SOC)] had a lot to say about completing their half-year adventure.

"(The deployment) was pretty interesting and enriching," said IS3 Christopher Freda, a Norfolk, Va., native aboard USS Bataan (LHD 5). "I enjoyed interacting with the people and sampling the cultures and cuisine. Freda, who knows a bit of the Arabic, Italian and Spanish languages, es-



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*Lance Cpl. Dennis Hubert of the 22nd MEU, hoses down a five-ton truck during a MARG washdown here. BATAANARG completes its Med deployment, and Rota is the only facility is theater which is capable of conducting a MARG washdown.*

pecially enjoyed the opportunity to improve his skills during the ten port visits his ship made during the de-

ployment. In summing up the deployment, he thought there was a nice trade-off between port visits and train-

ing.

"I believe the deployment was well-balanced,"

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## Electronic filing up, tax office processes nearly 900 returns

JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

Just one month after the start of the official tax season here, the Navy Legal Services Office and their volunteer income tax assistants have processed nearly 900 tax returns garnering more than \$1.1 million in refunds for more than 1,200 people here.

"We've been pretty busy," said Lt. Johnny Nilsen, tax officer for Europe and Southwest Asia. "But because we have so many volunteers it's not hard getting an appointment with your VITA."

Most commands have at least one VITA and larger commands usually have a group of people helping file taxes. "By putting the



Lt. J.g. Bill Davis

*Lesley Coomes, VITA representative, assists Matthew Matteson with his 1999 tax return at NLSO.*

VITAs in the command, we've made it easy for people to get their taxes done," said Nilsen. Rota has almost 90 VITAs this year who have been trained to input tax return data and answer basic tax questions. Electronic tax filing and

more difficult tax questions are being taken care at NLSO.

"The amount of bang you get for the buck with this program is phenomenal," said Nilsen. "Very little money is spent and we're getting a lot of money in the

pockets [of our Sailors, Marines and their families.] It's convenient and people are now looking at [the military tax program] more as right than a privilege.

Most of the people using the service are filing their taxes electronically, which is both beneficial to the filer and the IRS, said Nilsen. "Statistically there are far fewer mistakes made on electronic returns and people get their refunds so fast - sometimes within six to ten days," he said.

The trend for filing electronically is one that's growing. The IRS has reported a ten-percent increase in electronic returns received so far this year. "We're pleased with the continuing rise in electronic returns," said

Charles Rossotti, the internal revenue commissioner.

The average refund has also increased, sources at the IRS said. "In the past two years there's been so many credits for education and children," said Nilsen. Credits are a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of tax.

The tax deadline for overseas filers is June 15, but Nilsen warned if the filer owed the IRS money, they'd be responsible for the interest accrued since April 15.



### Things to bring

- W-2 form
- Any documentation of income (bank statements/1099s)
- Social Security numbers
- Tax info for dependent care providers
- Bank account information [deposit slip or check]
- Bring spouse if filing jointly

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## THIS WEEK

*Rota Little Theatre's  
last showing of 'Steel  
Magnolias'*

Tonight, Friday and  
Saturday at 8 p.m. at the  
DGF Multi-purpose room.



# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

with Capt. R. Noble, COMNAVACT, Spain



In February we celebrated Black History Month. It's a special month dedicated to remembering and honoring black culture and the many contributions Black Americans have made, and continue to make, to our nation.

I had the pleasure of attending the service on Sunday evening where the Gospel Choir, under the talented leadership of "Choirmaster Davis," put on a great show, wrapping up this special month. Thank you very much for a great time.

I believe it's important for us to keep in mind that the outstanding contributions of Black Americans, all minorities for that matter, should be appreciated all year long, not just during a

specific month... you have my appreciation.

Maybe you have noticed that the Marine Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) is in town! I'd like to extend a personal welcome to all of the Sailors and Marines of the MARG. I hope your short visit here at Rota is a healthy and enjoyable one.

I'd like to remind everyone that the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive began this week. This is a very important organization to the Navy/Marine family that provides a lot of assistance, primarily financial, to our folks in need. Dig into your pockets, or better yet set up a pay allotment to the NMCRS. This is "us" taking care of "us." Listen to HOT 102.5 FM, watch the

bluescreen, and read the Coastline to find out about all the events involved in the fund drive.

There are still more than three months of school remaining this year for our students at DGF. As parents, friends, or concerned citizens in the community, there are many opportunities where you can get involved in the education of our children. Try becoming part of the PTO or SAC; become a tutor with the Personal Excellence Program or After School Scholars; help support the scholarship drive; or volunteer as an assistant or coach in a sporting or club event. The opportunities are just waiting for you. Make a

difference in raising the next generation of American Citizens.

The Carnival season is upon us and the festivities will abound in the local area over the next couple of weeks. Check out this edition of Coastline for details.

Finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to everyone taking the advancement exams beginning next week. Be prepared and your efforts will pay off. Trust me, you will get out of it what you put into it.

## Government travel card now mandatory for official travel

Linda D. Kozaryn  
AFPS

Starting yesterday with some exceptions, DoD personnel must use the government travel card for expenses arising from official travel.

DoD issued new policies in mid-February to implement travel card requirements in an amendment to the Federal Travel Regulation published by the General Services Administration in the Jan. 19 Federal Register. The amendment implements requirements in the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998.

The Defense Department began using travel cards in 1983 to pay for lodging, transportation, rental cars and other allowable expenses. The current contractor is Bank of America VISA.

The new rules make the use of the travel card mandatory for most DoD military and civilian personnel.

Governmentwide exemptions include employees who have an application pending for the travel charge card; people traveling on invitational travel orders; and new appointees.

The law authorizes agency-specific exemptions as well, and Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) William J.

Lynn approved the following for DoD:

- Members of the ROTC and service members undergoing basic training or initial skill training prior to reporting to their first permanent duty station.

- Military and DoD civilians denied travel cards or whose cards have been canceled or suspended for financial irresponsibility or other reasons.

- Prisoners.
- Exemptions approved by heads of DoD components for military and DoD civilians during war, a national emergency declared by the president or Congress, or mobilization, deployment or contingency operations.

- Military or DoD civilians traveling to or in a foreign country where the political, financial or communications infrastructure does not support the use of a travel card.

- Military or DoD civilians whose use of the travel card due to operational, security or other mission requirements, would pose a threat to national security, endanger the life or safety of themselves or others, or would compromise a law enforcement activity.

- Direct and indirect hire foreign nationals.

- Individuals employed or appointed on a temporary or intermittent basis

when the individual's supervisor or other appropriate officials determine the duration or other circumstances pertaining to the employment or appointment does not justify issuing a travel card.

DoD has authorized exempted personnel to use personal funds or a personal charge card, travel advances and government travel requests.

Though individuals may be exempt from the mandatory use rule, those with cards in good standing may still use them voluntarily for official travel expenses.

While the travel card is to be used for such big-ticket items as hotel stays, transportation tickets and car rentals, government travelers are not required to use the cards for the following:

- Local transportation fares.
- Taxis.
- Parking.
- Laundry and dry cleaning.

- Expenses incurred at a vendor who doesn't accept the card.

- Meals in restaurants that don't accept the card.

- Group dining situations and other meals when use of the card would be impractical.

- Telephone calls, when a government calling card is available for use in accordance with agency

policy.

In addition, DoD personnel need not use the card for expenses covered by any expense contained within the meals and incidentals portion of the per diem allowance or for local and long distance telephone calls.

The amendment also requires timely reimbursement of travel expenses. It requires agencies to pay interest to travelers whose travel vouchers are not paid within 30 calendar days.

The only exception is when the payment would be less than \$1. Until travel payment systems can be modified to meet this requirement, the individual traveler must determine if an interest payment is due and request payment. Interest paid will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as additional wages.

DoD must reimburse travelers for any late fees the travel card contractor would have charged had the traveler not paid the bill on time. The new travel card rules will be included in Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures," of the DoD Financial Management Regulation DoD 7000.14-R.

For more information on the Department of Defense Travel Card Program, visit their website at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil).

## ARG Departs

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said Freda, who works in Bataan's Joint Intelligence Center. "The work was fast-paced, and that's the nature of the job - to keep on top of the information."

Despite the good balance of work and play, the 26-year old Freda views the upcoming reunion with his wife and two year-old boy with great anticipation. "I'm looking forward to getting home," he said.

Throughout the deployment, the BATAANARG/22d MEU(SOC) team served as the Strategic Reserve Force for the Balkans and supported regional security through presence operations in the Adriatic Sea.

Readiness remained high as the Navy/Marine team participated in three major bilateral training exercises with a total of 13 countries from Europe and the Middle East.

BATAANARG is the first ARG to deploy with Challenge Athena III and the Joint Services Imagery Processing System, providing the armada with the most advanced communication and intelligence processing ability of any Navy vessel in the U.S. fleet.

Combined with progressive command, con-

trol and intelligence management techniques, the ARG was able to provide superior intelligence support to fleet and other task force commanders in theater, improving overall operational planning capability and readiness.

Bataan and Whidbey Island are due to disembark their Marines March 13 at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and return to Norfolk, Va., March 15.

BATAANARG's third ship was USS Shreveport (LPD 12), which remains in port, Haifa, Israel, following damages sustained during its transit of the Suez Canal Feb. 16. The crew expects to begin their homecoming voyage in early March with a late March arrival in Norfolk.

The WASPARG will replace the outgoing ARG as the theater's amphibious ready amphibious force, which includes USS Wasp (LHD 1), USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) and USS Trenton (LPD 14).

USS Wasp is scheduled to be in port for just one day, while USS Oak Hill and USS Trenton are scheduled to be in Rota until Monday.

Rota is the only port in the Mediterranean capable of conducting a MARG washdown.



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# Dental’s Pennington named best in Europe

Lt.j.g. Bill Davis  
Public Affairs Officer

Dee Pennington of Branch Dental Clinic in Rota has been named the Naval Dental Center, Europe’s Civilian of the Year.

The dental assistant has more to smile about than clean teeth now that she has been awarded the top civilian honor for all of the dental clinics at Navy bases in Europe.

For this country girl from Glenwilton, Vir. (near Roanoke), the selection is a humbling experience. But the way she looks at it, she’s just doing her job...something she does

well, particularly when it comes to putting patients at ease when it’s time to visit the dentist.

“Patients are my first priority,” says Pennington. “When we work on them, I watch them; if they move a finger, I may ask ‘are you okay?’ It’s that personal attention that she was taught some years ago in dental training that has helped her with patients here in Rota.

“They taught us to see if the knuckles are white. I’ve even had patients hold my hand through the procedure.”

Dee, as she’s affectionately called by her friends —

and since almost everyone goes to the dentist, she has lots of friends – has been working at the Branch Dental Clinic for a little more than a year. She’s covered most of the departments at the clinic, from Endodontics, General Dentistry, to Prosthetics. She’s in one of those jobs that people get to know who she is, especially on a base like Rota. “We were bowling recently, and I had a girl come up to me and say ‘Can you take a look at my wisdom teeth?’” She says that’s interesting, to say the least.

Her current position, though, in the Endodontics

Department is one that seems to give most people tremendous goose bumps, because it conjures up thoughts of major drilling and tooth repairs and worst of all, root canals. Scary words for most, but Dee feels it’s her job to put people at ease by doing what she does best...talking.

“Most people don’t like the sound of the drill, so it helps. We chat about nonsense some days,” she says.

‘Oh, I had chicken last night, what did you have?’ she might ask. However, she recognizes those who might not like to talk, and tries not to chomp her teeth as much. But most people really appreciate the discussion, she says, recognizing that most questions to the patient need to be yes-no questions, for obvious reasons.

“I’ve been in that chair before,” she says, “and I know how it feels. If a person is at ease, they are a lot easier to work on.” Any problems with patients? She says she was bitten once, but not from a patient in Rota.

For someone who grew up a little town in Virginia, Spain is a long way from home. Dee has been here for nearly three years with her husband of 14 years, Ri-

chard, a CTCRC who works at NSGA, and their two children, 12-year old Shea and 8-year-old Kelli. Before working at the Branch Dental Clinic, she volunteered as a kindergarten aide at DGF.

“I thought I’d never leave home,” she says. Dee says she had to tell people back home more than once she really did live in Spain after she first got here. People would ask ‘Can you get peanut butter?’

Her job at the dentist’s office is only a portion of Dee that makes her tick. Community involvement abounds. She was an ombudsman for NSGA for nearly two years. She volunteers her time for Mrs. Joudar’s 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at DGF, part of the Adopt-A-Class Tutor program she assisted in coordinating at the dental clinic. She’s active in sports, both volleyball and softball. She organized the dental booth for last year’s Tiger Day, which helped to promote dental hygiene to kids in the community.



Dee Pennington was named Dentals best civilian in Europe.

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March: Women’s History Month

Vice Adm. Norbert Ryan, Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel

March 2000 marks the 13th annual observance of Women’s History Month, a time when we can all increase our knowledge of and celebrate the contributions women have made to the Navy and the nation.

This year’s theme is “an exceptional century for women...now imagine the future.”

It has indeed been an exceptional century for Navy women. Women became an integral part of the United States Navy with the establishment of the Nurse Corps in 1908.

Since that time, women

have continued to have a positive and ever increasing impact on the Navy.

In World War I, some 12,000 women answered the call to active duty and gave unprecedented service. Those women paved the way for more than 81,000

Waves to serve proudly in World War II and 9,000 women followed in their wake to serve during the Korean War.

Today, more than 50,000 Navy women serve throughout the world, ashore and afloat, officer and enlisted, continuing the fine tradition of extraordinary service.

From the first Navy nurse to women who now serve on ships at sea, the ac-

complishments of all these patriots have, without doubt, made this an exceptional century for women in the Navy.

The future holds unlimited opportunity as women continue to meet the challenges of service to their country.

For more information pertaining to Women’s History Month, contact the Office of the Special Assistant for Women’s Policy (PERS-00W) at (703) 695-9232/DSN 225.

You can also contact the National Women’s History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492, (707) 838-6000 or visit their web site at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).



Lt.j.g. Bill Davis

Staff Sgt. Michael Irwin, an electrician with the 625th Air Mobility Support Squadron here, explains the operations of the main landing gear of a C-5 aircraft to a group of DGF students. The squadron hosted 15 students Tuesday, primarily juniors, and gave them a tour of the various aspects of life in the Air Force. The C-5 is from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and has a total of 28 tires for the landing gear. Tires shown here are just over four feet tall.

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and noted that her direct command and base involvement and her numerous successful accomplishments are a testament to this. “She is a focused and determined individual who sees a need, steps forward, and takes appropriate action,” Sturdy said.

Dee’s words of wisdom are simple: “I think you have to like what you’re doing.” That’s it. From the looks of it, she’s done just that. She also stressed the idea of getting involved or doing something in the community, whether it’s a trip to one of the many Spanish sites or volunteering your time with an organization.

The only regret she has is not learning more Spanish and getting out more. But she notes there won’t be much of a need to speak Spanish as she and her family PCS back stateside in a few months to West Virginia.

NEWS BRIEFS

ETA kills again

ETA killed two people last week. Fernando Buesa, the socialist party spokesman in the Basque Government and a Basque police acting as his bodyguard, Jorge Díez Elorza were killed by a car bomb when they were walking by Vitoria University campus.

This is the second assassination after the renew of the murder campaign. All the political parties expressed their union against ETA.

At the moment of the murder, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia were guests of President Clinton at the White House. They sent several telegrams to the family and also to the Socialist Leader Joaquin Almunia, expressing their condolences.

More than 60,000 people went with the coffin of Fernando Buesa from the Basque Parliament to the Vitoria Cathedral.

Last Saturday around 150,000 people demon-

strated against ETA. The demonstrations were at Vitoria and Pamplona. All the Democratic Forces of the Basque Country and Navarra, requesting Peace and Freedom and repulse against ETA organized the demonstrations. Only the separatist group Euskal Herritarrok (EH) did not support the demonstration.

In Vitoria the demonstration had two groups, one group presided by the Basque President, Jon Ibarretxe and the second group, preside by the widow and sons of Fernando Buesa.

Also people all over Spain flocked into the streets of towns and cities to show their repulsion to ETA.

- Carnivals in the area**
- Puerto Serrano**, Feb. 26 through Mar. 5.
  - Puerto Real**, Feb. 27 through Mar. 12.
  - El Puerto de Sta. Maria**, Feb. 28 through Mar. 5.
  - San Jose del Valle**, Feb. 29 through Mar. 5.
  - Cadiz**, Mar. 2 through Mar. 12.
  - Rota**, Mar. 4 through Mar. 12.
  - San Fernando**, Mar. 4 through Mar. 12.
  - Chipiona**, Mar. 5 through Mar. 18.
  - Sanlucar**, Mar. 11 through Mar. 18.
  - Chiclana**, Mar. 2 through Mar. 12.

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## 5 Rota people complete special public speaking course

YN2(SW) Michael Monroy  
Naval Station Admin

Five members of the Rota community completed a Communication/Leadership Public speaking workshop called SPEECHCRAFT sponsored by the Madrid Toastmasters Club.

The six-session program helped participants prepare and present speeches, handle impromptu speaking situations and learn valuable leaderships skills. During the graduation session, each participant received a certificate of accomplishment presented by Competent Toastmaster Sherry Pfeifer Caudell (Immediate Past President Madrid of Toastmasters Club) and Advance Toastmaster Mike G. Monroy (Mentor, Madrid Toastmasters Club/Educational Vice President, SHAPE International Toastmasters Club, Mons Belgium).

Certificates were presented to the following Speechcrafters: Terry Giles, Caryl Giles, Stuart Melvin, Matt Caudell and Jackie Chatelain Monroy.

Anyone interested in starting a Toastmaster club in the Rota community, contact Sherry at 956.84.13.30 or Jackie at 956.81.60.18. Organizational meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

### How Toastmasters Can Help You

Your success in business is based on how effective you are. Through participation in the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership program, people from all backgrounds learn to effectively speak, conduct a meeting, manage a department or business, lead, delegate, and motivate.

### How Toastmasters works.

- As your improved communication skills become obvious within the workplace, increased visibility, recognition and promotion will follow.

- Your improved presentation skills will win you the respect and admiration of your colleagues and employees - and make them wonder what you did to change!

- Leadership skills acquired through participation in Toastmasters will increase your management potential.

- As a Toastmaster you will acquire an increased ability to motivate and persuade, making you more effective as a supervisor or manager.

- Members of Toastmaster Clubs have access to a wide range of educational materials, including books, audio and videotapes, and seminar programs available at reduced cost through the Toastmasters International Supply Catalog.

### How Toastmasters Meets Your Needs

- Established in 1924, Toastmasters International uses time-tested programs that are continually updated to meet participants needs.

- Self-paced programs allow you to progress as rapidly or gradually as your needs dictate.

- The hands-on Communication and Leadership program provides the "how-to" and the practical experience so critical to progress.

- Toastmasters Clubs meet at various locations in the morning, at noon and in the evening. You'll be sure to find a Club that fits your needs.

- At less than \$50 per year, the Toastmasters program is cost effective, especially when compared to seminars charging hundreds of dollars per day.

- An atmosphere of professional camaraderie makes



*Matt Caudell, Stuart Melvin, Pedro Javier Moya Pastor, Terry Giles, Mike Monroy and Brent Bailey. Sherry Pfeifer Caudell, Karen Melvin, Pilar Espejo Gonzalez, Caryl Giles, Jackie Chatelain Monroy, and Rei Bailey.*

your Toastmasters Club a unique learning environment — informal, yet dedicated to learning.

- The Toastmasters program can be tailored to meet your personal objectives. Whether you desire improvement in prepared or impromptu speaking, greater skill in the use of visual aids, experience and knowledge is to be gained in the areas that most interest you.

### How The Program Works

The Toastmasters program exposes each participant to a wide range of communication experiences.

- Each new Toastmaster receives a New Member Kit. The kit features a copy of the basic Communication and Leadership manual, general orientation materials and information regarding skill improvement in areas such as speech evaluation and the use of gestures.

- The initial prepared speeches, as outlined in the basic Communication and Leadership program manual, are designed with the new Toastmaster in mind.

- A variety of assigned speeches help the participant develop competency in areas such as organization, voice inflection and persuasive-

ness.

- During the meeting's Table Topics session, members learn to think on their feet by delivering short impromptu speeches, lasting one to two minutes.

- After giving a prepared speech, each Toastmaster receives a constructive speech evaluation. This process recognizes speakers for their strengths and provides valuable insight into problem areas.

- Upon completion of the basic Communication and Leadership program, Toastmasters may participate in the Advanced Communication and Leadership program. Participants may choose from specific business oriented topics such as Speeches by Management and Technical Presentations.

- Workshop style Success/Leadership programs are also available, offering opportunities for further skill development in areas such as leadership, public speaking and conducting business meetings. These programs are especially effective as in-house training and can be tailored to meet the needs of your company.

### All About Toastmasters How Toastmasters works.

At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. A typical Toastmasters club is made up of 20 to 30 people who meet once a week for about an hour. Each meeting gives everyone an opportunity to practice:

- Conducting meetings. Meetings usually begin with a short business session which helps members learn basic meeting procedures.

- Giving impromptu speeches. Members present one-to two-minute impromptu speeches on assigned topics.

- Presenting prepared speeches. Three or more members present speeches based on projects from the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Program manuals. Projects cover such topics as speech organization, voice, language, gestures, and persuasion.

- Offering constructive evaluation. Every prepared speaker is assigned an evaluator who points out speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement.

### The Tools You Use.

Upon joining a Toastmasters club, each new member receives a variety of manuals and resources on speaking. Members also have access to other books as well as audio and video cassettes on speaking and leading.

They also receive the award-winning The Toastmaster, a monthly magazine that offers the latest insights on speaking and leadership techniques.

### Toastmasters and Leadership

Leadership cannot be learned in a day. It takes practice. In Toastmasters members build leadership skills by organizing and conducting meetings and moti-

vating others to help them. Club leadership roles and a leadership development program also offer opportunities to learn and practice. Just as Toastmasters members learn to speak simply by speaking, they learn leadership by leading.

### Company Benefits.

A company's success also depends on communication. Employees face an endless exchange of ideas, messages, and information as they deal with one another and with customers day after day.

How well they communicate can determine whether a company quickly grows into an industry leader or joins thousands of other businesses mired in mediocrity.

Toastmasters provides the tools that enable employees to become effective communicators and leaders all at a very low cost. Toastmasters training helps employees:

- give better sales presentations
- hone their management skills
- work better with fellow employees
- effectively develop and present ideas
- offer constructive criticism
- accept criticism more objectively

### About Toastmasters

**I n t e r n a t i o n a l .** Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership.

The first Toastmasters club was established on October 22, 1924, in Santa Ana, California, by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, who conceived and developed the idea of helping others to speak more effectively.

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# Carnaval

## Spain set to celebrate

Basilia Biever  
Rota Coastline

Carnaval season is here. It's the annual event that gives Spain a chance to hold massive street parties celebrating the end of winter and providing a reason to let loose before Lent.

Carnaval literally means "a celebration of life in the flesh," said Manuela Martin Perles, library clerk at the base Library. It's also defined as "the period of merry-making immediately before Lent."

That means it's fun. Celebrating Carnaval in Spain means wearing masks and costumes and poking fun at politicians and famous people. It also means just simply enjoying the food and drinks Spain offers in the midst of dancing in the streets,

To experience Carnaval in Spain you can visit any of the nearby towns and see how they celebrate the holiday. For the biggest, and sometimes referred to as craziest, celebration, head to Cadiz.

"The best time to go is Saturday, either March 4 or 11," said Sr. Manuel Martin-Arroyo Santa Maria, Intercultural Relations facilitator. "Families with children should go at day time. Do not bring them late at night because people get too wild," he said.

Also, Martin advised people



not to drive their car to Cadiz celebration. Catch a train or bus from El Puerto or catch a bus from Rota, he said. Organized clubs or trips are also recommended. If driving, Martin suggests people park near a bus stop and take a bus to the city center.

"More important than having comfortable shoes is your attitude," said Sr. Martin.  
El Puerto de Santa Maria: February 28 to March 5  
Rota: March 4 to March 12  
Cadiz: March 2 through March 12

# NEX recognizes employee's

## customer service skills

Joel Bignel  
Coastline Correspondent

The Navy Exchange has awarded Alicia Swing, shoe department employee, a \$25 gift certificate for sustained excellent customer service. NEX patrons have mentioned Swing by name on comment cards numerous times since Swing began working at the Exchange fourteen months ago.

"Great worker... outgoing and always with a beautiful smile for the customers," said Jakline Troxel, an NEX coworker.

Swing received the award because someone in the Rota community took the time to complete an NEX customer comment card.

"Have something to say about the NEX? Then tell me, the General Manager. The easiest way to do that is to fill one of the com-

ment cards that can be found in each store location. The comment cards are collected every day, read by me, and action is taken. Additionally, we get back to the commentator if they provide contact information. Comments that are complimentary in nature usually result in one of our employees receiving a "super star" award and a \$25 gift certificate. Likewise, comments that are critical of poor performance result in counseling and training for our employees. So let me hear from you, and together we can make the Navy Exchange an even better place to shop," said Frank Miller, general manager, Navy Exchange here.

"When I receive a 'Super Star' award with a \$25.00 gift certificate I feel so happy. The customers appreciate what I do- they recognize



Alicia Swing was recently awarded a \$25 gift certificate.

my work.

Swing is also an American Red Cross volunteer.

# DoD to fix housing allowance gap

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced last week that many Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines will get an unexpected increase in their Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates as a result of his decision to restore the allowance to 1999 rates in areas where the 2000 BAH rates had been decreased.

"This action will result in

greater equity among all people assigned to the same duty location, and will also allow the Department (of Defense) to pause and examine how we survey and determine the average cost of housing," said Cohen. "It is extremely important that in every area, nationwide, we are providing an allowance which allows our men and women to live in quality housing.

"We have heard two things. First, that the difference between the old and new rates in areas where the rates decreased is simply too much, and second, that the allowance is not enough to rent the type of housing our people are actually occupying. As a result, I have decided to return areas in which rates decreased to their 1999 rates."

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# COMMUNITY NEWS and INFORMATION

## CACO Training

A Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO) training class will be conducted March 21 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the NAVLEAD Building, #3044 (next to Family Service Center). This is an introductory class that provides vital information for support in the event of a casualty. To place a reservation, please call ext. 2346 or 1479.

## Bicycles and Security

The Security Department has recovered a number of unregistered, abandoned bicycles. If your bicycle is missing, it may be a Security. Positive identification of the bicycle is required to claim your bicycle. For further information, please contact Petty Office Reames at ext. 3214, or stop by the Security Department with proof of ownership.

## “Steel Magnolias”

The Rota Little Theater performs Robert Harling’s “Steel Magnolias” March 2 – 4 at 8 p.m. in the DGF Multi-purpose room. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.00 and \$7.00 at the door. Come on out and support this group of highly talented Thespians from your local area. Call ext. 4662 for tickets or additional information.

## Low-Fat Cookoff

The Naval Hospital is sponsoring a Low-Fat Cookoff Thursday, March 30 from noon – 1 p.m. To enter the contest, send in your recipes to the Naval Hospital Dietitian’s Office by filling out an entry form, available from the Hospital, no later than March 24, to Dietitian’s Office, Box 18-102. The categories include appetizers, soup/salad/entrée, and dessert. Recipes are judged on appearance, taste, and nutritional value. For more information, please call ext. 3337.

## NEX Offers Savings Bonds for Good Grades

The Navy Exchange is rewarding students for Good Grades. To enter the world wide drawing for a \$2000, \$3000 or \$5000 saving bonds, you must have at least a “B” average and take your report card to cus-

tomers service at the Main Exchange and fill out an entry form.

## Dive-Inn Gets New Look

The NEX Dive-Inn has a new look and new hours. The facility located at the entrance to Las Palmeras Housing also offers breakfast and daily lunch specials. The operating hours are 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. (M-F) and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sat & Sun).

## Phone Payments at NEX

The Navy Exchange is now offering automatic payments of your phone bills through your credit card or check card. The action is in response to customer requests, and provides a more convenient means of payment. Why wait in long lines? Why mail a check when deployed? To sign up, or for more information, come by the Admin. Office or call ext. 3964.

## Seabee Ball

The Seabee Ball will be Friday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Hacienda El Pinar in El Puerto de Santa Maria. The ticket price is \$35 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, unlimited drinks for beer, wine, soft drinks, water, and also great door prizes and dancing until 2:30 a.m. Tickets will go on sale on Monday at the PWD building #59. See Begonia for seating assignments and menu selection. Uniform is dinner dress blues. For more information, please call Begonia at ext. 2343.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

Are you interested in getting involved with the command and community? 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just around the corner and the committee is looking for volunteers. The next meeting is March 10 at 3 p.m. in the CPO Lounge in Reflections. For more information, contact CTAC Beadle, chairman for this year’s committee, at ext. 2671.

## DRMO Sale Friday

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office will hold a Cash & Carry Sale from 9 a.m. – noon Friday. The sale is open to all Americans and Spanish nationals authorized

to shop at DRMO. All items must be paid for in cash and be removed by noon the day of the sale. Furniture, appliances (110 & 220 volts) and other miscellaneous equipment and supplies are available. Call ext. 3259/1358 for more information.

## March Advancement Exams

The March advancement exams for E-4 – E-6 will be held at 7 a.m. at the Galley. Participants need to be in the uniform of the day with their I.D. card in hand on the day specified. The exam dates are as follows: E-4 - March 7; E-5 – March 9; and E-6 – March 14.

## On-Base Housing Reminders

Residents and visitors of Las Flores Housing are asked not to park on the brick sidewalks. For Las Palmeras Housing, residents are reminded to close the awning at night, when you’re not home, and during inclement weather. Residents are responsible for the care of the awnings.

## SAC Meetings

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is comprised of parents, teachers, students, and faculty who meet at least four times a school year to discuss various school-related issues. These meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. The SAC provide a forum to get together to hear issues and share ideas to better the school. The DGF High School SAC meets every third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the school library, while the Elementary SAC meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:50 p.m. in the Parent Connection Room (bldg. 1604). Call ext. 4181 or 4185 for more information.

## OCSC Community Grants

In an effort to strengthen the bonds which unite us, the Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club has funds available for charitable donations to on-base groups and to Spanish organizations in the surrounding community. Community Grants application forms are now at the following locations:

DGF High School office, Family Service Center and the MWR Library. Deadline to apply is March 15. For more information please call Jennifer Weech at 956-82-4057.

## PEP volunteers

If you’d like to volunteer as a tutor or mentor to a student at DGF Elementary and High School, check out the PEP Program. Call ext. 4181 or 4185 for more information.

## After School Scholars

Help volunteer as a tutor for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Tutors assist students interested in learning more about a subject of those needing extra help. If you’re interested in the program, call the Navy Family Services Center at ext. 3232.

## Adoption Options Meets

The Adoptions Options group will meet Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. in the Hospital Galley. Anyone interested in any aspect of adoption is more than welcome to attend. Bring a tapa if you’d like. For more information, please call Lynsey Ferris at 956-84-1886.

## NAVSTA Coffee Group

The NAVSTA Coffee Group is being re-established and is looking for new members from both the American and Spanish communities. The group will meet once a month and is open to all spouses of American and Spanish officers, and all GS-7s and above. If you would like to join, please call 956-81-0891 or

e-mail [lgmuelle@teleline.es](mailto:lgmuelle@teleline.es). The first meeting is scheduled for March 23.

## Officer Christian Fellowship Meets

The Officer Christian Fellowship (OCF) meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 1211 Huelva in Las Palmeras Housing. OCF is open to all officers and spouses looking for spiritual growth through fellowship with other community Christians. For more information, contact Lt. Terry Dudley at ext. 1139 or 956-48-0318.

## Youth Baseball Season to Begin

Registration for the Youth Baseball Season began March 1 at JAMS. The Skills Assessment for ages 10 and up will be held April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex. Opening day for play is April 15. Call 2382 for more information.

## NFCU Hours

The Navy Federal Credit Union lobby will be open daily from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. today and Friday. NFCU will also be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

## VQ-2 Enlisted Spouses’ Club

The club is open to all spouses of enlisted active duty members stationed at VQ-2. The club’s mission is to provide the enlisted spouses with a support system, especially if their spouses deploy. The club meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at DGF Room 201, except during June, July and August, when meetings are held at the Housing Pool. Interested persons may contact Chris at 956-82-4422; Heather at 956-82-4387; Julann at 956-82-4873; or Sara at 956-82-

4726 (e-mail at [sarashaw@teleline.es](mailto:sarashaw@teleline.es)).

## OCSC Activities

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club (OCSC) is having an evening trip to Cadiz, March 11, where members bring your spouse or a friend to see the famous Carnival celebration; Coffee Social, March 15, hosted by member Dena Taylor. Location and time TBD. Bring a friend; and Happy Hour, March 31, 5 – 7 p.m. at the Spanish Officer’s Residencia. For more information on any of these events, please call Tammy Yockey at 956-82-4257 or Kim Diaz at 956-48-0046.

## Sandeman Travel Club

The Sandeman Club Travel Club of VQ-2 is open to all persons in the Rota community who want to get out and enjoy the sites of Spain. During the month of March, they are planning two trips: Ronda on March 18 and Medina Sidonia on March 30. If you are interested in any of the trips, call Chris at ext. 4422 or Pam at ext. 4156 before March 1, or call to find out how you can get involved.

## American Red Cross Courses

The American Red Cross is offering the following courses: CPR for the Professional Rescuer Friday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., at the MWR Tennis Club. Cost is \$45.00; and Infant & Child CPR course on March 21 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The course will be held in the Administration Conference room, in building #52, and the fee is \$32.00. Register at the ARC Office located in the PSD building (#52), or call ext. 2333 or 1617.

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# Meaningful living with mournful memories

Lt. Cmdr. A. T. Taylor, CHC, U.S. Naval Hospital Rota

When loss strikes the impact may last for many years beyond the event. This is especially true when it involves the death of a baby or child.

While the occurrence of losing a loved one at any age is something one is rarely prepared for, it is generally expected that parents will be survived by their children. In an effort to comfort the bereaved, both family and friends try to encourage the grieving person to move beyond the pain of their loss as quickly as possible.

Well-intentioned words and actions reveal a lack of awareness and consideration of the importance that the grieving process serves toward restoring meaning to the day to day experiences of life.

In their booklet entitled, *When Your Child Dies: Finding the Meaning in Mourning*, Nancy Stevenson and Cary Straffon writes, “Bereavement is our mind’s process of harmonizing our loss in the external world with our inner world. While this is happening, the mental image of our child seems to be with us all the time.

This image evokes many experiences and memories, which need to be altered or reorganized to the realization that our child is dead. This is a very painful process. Gradually, as all our memories get

worked through, our emotional energies are withdrawn from this mental image of our child and are available to us to reinvest in life.”

The weightiness of these mental images with regard to our memories of our loved ones is of critical value as it pertains to how long a person grieves. Because just as positive images from experiences in our past that produce pleasant memories, whose emotional impact fades with time, so it is with images of negative experiences.

In essence, those images of our best birthday celebration, first paycheck, new car, first girlfriend or boyfriend or family vacation diminish in their emotional impact overtime as these memories become more integrated with present events. A similar process allows the grieving person to experience a gradual reduction in the impact of the painful feelings associated with the memories of a loved one who has died.

Despite the reassuring tone in the above perspective individuals who are grieving the death of a child may find comfort through sharing. **The Compassionate Friends** support group meets every last Monday of each month at 7PM in the BOQ for families who have experienced such a loss. Additional information may be obtained by calling 3561 or 3640.



## Rota Scouts hold major banquet

Cub Scouts from Rota’s Pack 280 stand inspection during the Blue and Gold Banquet Monday. Forty-five Scouts from seven dens in Rota attended the banquet, which featured the inspection, a dinner, awards ceremony, cake judging contest, and an Arrow of Light ceremony, signifying some of the Cub Scouts’ eligibility to move on to become Boy Scouts. Cub Scout Pack 280 is comprised of four groups: (1) Tiger – 1<sup>st</sup> grade; (2) Wolf – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; (2) Bear – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; and (2) Webelos – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. If you’d like to get involved in the Cub Scouts, contact Donna Paulding at ext. 4884 or Chris Osgood at ext. 3305.

### VQ-2 Enlisted Spouses’ Club Meets

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### Rota Little Theater

The Rota Little Theater invites all actor wannabees and those who enjoy the trill of the theater to their next monthly meeting, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Call Kim at 956-81-4119 for more information.

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# COASTLINE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MARCH / APRIL</div> <div>Carnavals in Area: Cadiz 2 - 12 Mar Chipiona 18 Feb - 19 Mar Puerto 28 Feb - 5 Mar Rota 4 - 12 Mar</div> <div>For more information on any of the carnivals, please contact Community Relations at ext. 2813</div>				2 <div>Sponsor Training, 9:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232</div> <div>ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101</div> <div>“Steel Magnolias” play,(Understudy Show) 8 p.m., DGF MPR, call 4662</div>	3 <div>ITT Trip, Evening Bodego/Falmenco Show, call 3101</div> <div>CPR for the Professional Rescuer Course, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., call 2333</div> <div>DRMO Cash &amp; Carry Sale, 9 a.m. - noon</div> <div>“Steel Magnolias” play, 8 p.m., DGF MPR, call 4662</div>	4 <div>ITT Trip, Carmona/Italica Roman Ruins, call 3101</div> <div>Youth Sports Signups (Tee-ball, baseball &amp; softball) March 1 -20, call 3282</div> <div>“Steel Magnolias” play, 8 p.m., DGF MPR, call 4662</div>
5 <div>ITT Trip, Cadiz Carnaval/Parade, call 3101</div> <div>Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161</div>	6 <div>DGF CTSB Testing this week, call 4181</div> <div>Spanish Classes at NFSC begin, call 3232</div> <div>NCLC Hours, Mon-Thur 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. &amp; Fri 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., call 3070</div>	7 <div>ITT Trip, Jerez Horse Show, Bodega and Bullfighters Museum Trip, call 3101</div> <div>E-4 Exam, 7 a.m., Galley</div>	8 <div>Ash Wednesday</div> <div>ITT Trip, Gibraltar Shopping Trip, call 3101</div> <div>Parents &amp; Tots at NFSC every Wed., 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232</div>	9 <div>ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical Tour, call 3101</div> <div>DGF National Honor Society Induction, 2:30 p.m., DGF MPR</div> <div>E-5 Exam, 7 a.m., Galley</div>	10 <div>ITT Trip, Gibraltar Rock Tour, call 3101</div> <div>July 4th Meeting, 3 p.m., Reflections, call 2671</div> <div>Creative Resume at NFSC, 9 - 11 a.m., call 3232</div>	11 <div>ITT Trip, Arcos Canrinal &amp; Parade, call 3101</div> <div>OCSC Evening Trip to Cadiz, call 956-82-4257</div> <div>Rota Swim Club Meet, BENJAMIN/ALEVIN (Carnaval), Jerez</div>
12 <div>ITT Trip, Ronda Trip, call 3101</div> <div>NMCB-ONE 5K/Fun Run, 11 a.m., call 3845</div> <div>Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161</div>	13 <div>Looking to volunteer? Call the NMCRS at 1614.</div> <div>E-6 Leadership Continuum Course, 13-24 March</div>	14 <div>ITT Trip, Sevilla Shopping Trip, call 3101</div> <div>E-6 Exam, 7 a.m., Galley</div>	15 <div>OCSC Coffee Social, call 956-82-4257</div> <div>RLT Meets, 7:30 p.m., call 956-81-4119</div> <div>DGF H.S. SAC, 4 p.m., School Library</div> <div>ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping Trip, call 3101</div>	16 <div>Joint Advisory Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chapel, call 1680</div> <div>ITT Trip, Jerez City Tour, call 3101</div>	17 <div>St. Patrick’s Day</div> <div>St. Patrick’s Day 5K Run, noon, call 2563</div> <div>ITT Trip, St. Patrick’s Day- Gibraltar Overnight Trip, call 3101</div>	18 <div>ITT Trip, Cordoba Day Trip, call 3101</div> <div>Seabee Ball, 6:30 p.m., El Pinar, Puerto, call 2343</div> <div>Rota Swim Club Meet, F.A.N., Cadiz</div>
19 <div>ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical Tour, call 3101</div> <div>Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161</div>	20 <div>Spring Begins</div> <div>DGF Honors Music Festival, 20-24 March</div> <div>Capt. Cup Golf &amp; Soccer begin, call 2565</div>	21 <div>DGF Elem. PTO, 5:30 p.m., Parent Connection Rm.</div> <div>ITT, Jerez Horse Show, Bodega and Bullfighters Museum Trip, call 3101</div> <div>Communication Class at NFSC, 5:15 - 8 p.m., call 3232</div> <div>CACO Training, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., call 2346</div>	22 <div>Parents &amp; Tots at NFSC every Wed., 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232</div> <div>Anger Management Class at NFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232</div>	23 <div>ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101</div> <div>Smooth Move at NFSC, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232</div> <div>Stress Management Class at NFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232</div>	24 <div>ITT Trip, Tarifi/ Bolonia Roman Ruins Trip, call 3101</div> <div>Tune in to HOT 102.5 FM for base news and information.</div>	25 <div>Duathlon, call 2565</div> <div>Single? Check out MWR’s Liberty Program, call 2527</div> <div>ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping Trip, call 3101</div>
26 <div>ITT Trip, Cota Donana Park, call 3101</div> <div>Daylight Savings, Spring forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday (note: States change April 2)</div> <div>Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161</div>	27 <div>Check out the Thrift Store, bldg. 575</div> <div>Support the DGF Scholarship Fund, call 3075 or 4698</div>	28 <div>ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical Tour, call 3101</div> <div>DGF Elem. SAC, 3:50 p.m., Parent Connection Rm.</div>	29 <div>ITT Trip, Ronda, call 3101</div> <div>Parents &amp; Tots at NFSC every Wed., 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232</div> <div>TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232</div>	30 <div>Want to explore Spain? Call ITT at 3101</div> <div>TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232</div>	31 <div>Brown Bag Lunch: Semana Santa, noon - 1 p.m., call 3232</div> <div>TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 -11 a.m., call 3232</div>	1 <div>April Fool’s Day</div> <div>Youth Sports Skills Assessments, 2 p.m., Youth Sports Complex, call 3282</div>

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# The comfortably small, clean and fun zoo in Jerez

Story and photos by  
JOC Jon McMillan



Zoo. Say it a few times. Zoo. Zoo. Zoo.

ZOOOOOOO. Say it out loud. Stretch out the ooooo's. ZOOOOOOO. It sounds a bit animalistic, no?

It should, I mean, we're talking about the Zoo. The big animal farm with exotic beasts, storybook characters and our close relatives – those cute monkeys. That's what we're talking about, the Zoo.

Jerez's Zoo is small, comfortable and clean. It's the perfect place to go for a two-hour excursion with friends, family and the kids. With more than 70 different species to gawk at – including lions and tigers and bears oh, my – there's plenty to see.

In many ways the Jerez Zoo is typical. There's the wide assortment of animals and the cool little gift shop near the park's exit. But, in many ways, it's very Spanish. The layout resembles one of the gardens at Granada's Alhambra. The pathways aren't paved – but instead are made of that same material as the MWR running track behind the gym. The signs are all in Spanish – but, English guide pamphlets are available.

I've been to a few ZOOS in my life and, while I can't claim to be the expert, I do know the difference between a Rhesus monkey and a Reeses Peanut Butter Cup. And, armed with such a wealth of background knowledge in zoology, I wasn't shocked that most of the animals were sleeping. Yep. Most of the animals were taking a siesta. You see, it was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and almost all of them had just finished eating healthy lunches.

And, other than making it harder to view the animals – and a making it a bit boring when watching some of the animals – it really made for a peaceful time. There were no crowds. I didn't step on a piece of chewed and spit gum. [You know, that inevitable

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## Vista

### ZOO BRIEF

**FEES:**  
400 ptas. for kids  
600 ptas. for adults

**Parking:**  
Nearby in abandoned field

**FOOD:**  
Food court in Zoo, but recommend  
bring lunch

**How to get there?**  
Take N-IV to Jerez  
Slow down as you near the big Hospital on  
your left. Take first right. You'll see signs  
for TREBUJENA and the ZOO. Follow  
signs.

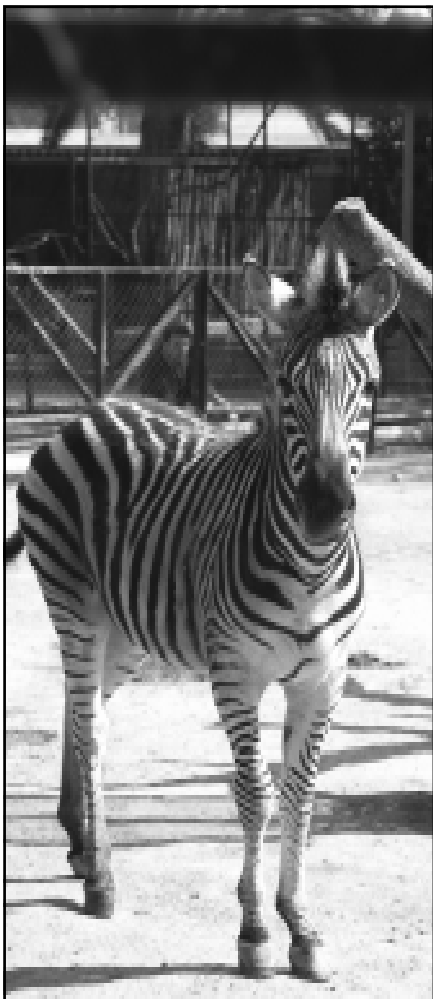
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## The comfortably small, clean and fun zoo in Jerez

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that always happens to me at the  
Zoo?] Well, it didn't happen  
here. It was peaceful. Nice.

The price is also nice. Adults  
get in for 600 ptas. each and kids  
get in for 400 ptas. each. The  
Zoo is open Tuesdays through  
Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
I'm not really sure when it's best  
to visit... but, if you're looking  
for a peaceful, nature-like park  
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the crowds, catch the animals  
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It may not be a truly animalistic  
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is a nice way.



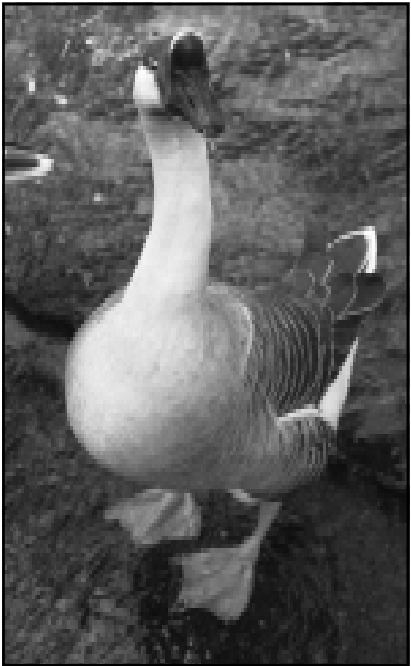
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Today

March 2  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
“Carnaval Exposition” today through Sat. 11 Mar. at Centro Cultural, El Palillero.  
**Carnaval Announcement and Proclamation of Queen.** Plaza San Antonio, 9 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance** in honor of Carnaval Announcer and Queen, at La Carpa in the Fishing Pier, midnight.  
**El Puerto**  
**Local Carnival Singing** Groups Festival. Salón Moderno, 7 p.m. Price: 1000 ptas.  
**Base**  
**Auto Hobby Shop.** Every Thursday in March, get stall and lift fees for 50% off the regular prices. Call ext. 2268 for more information.  
**Auto Used Parts Emporium.** Every Thursday in March, all items at the facility are 25 % off. Call ext. 1530 for info.

Friday

March 3  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Final Satirical Singing Contest,** also on TV, at Gran Teatro Falla, 10 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance,** at la Carpa in the Fishing Pier, midnight.  
Chipiona  
**12th Piropo a Chipiona.** Peña Cruz del Mar, 9:30 p.m.  
**Arcos Historical Trip.** This is one of Andalucía’s white hilltop towns and among the most picturesque places to visit in Spain. ITT’s walking tour of this quaint village brings you to the Mayorazgo Palace and the Churches of Santa Maria and San Pedro. Call ext. 3101 for more details.  
**Bodega.** ITT takes you to one of Andalucía’s finest bodegas. Have dinner and enjoy a Flamenco Show. Call ext. 3101 for more details.

8 DAYS IS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO!  
SUMBIT IDEAS TO:  
coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil  
or call us at 956-82-2491  
or 2813.

Saturday

March 4  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Carnaval Romances** Contest, at Colegio La Salle, 10 p.m.  
**Live Music** with the group “No me pises que llevo chancas”. Plaza de S. Antonio, 10:30 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance,** at la Carpa in the Fishing Pier, midnight.  
Rota  
**Tasting of Manzanilla** and Beer, and live satirical songs. Mina St. 1 p.m.  
**Lively march** with carnival music through Rota streets. Starting at Mina St. 8 p.m.  
**Carnaval Announcement** and Proclamation of the Queen, at Plaza de Las Canteras, 9 p.m.  
El Puerto  
**Carnaval Chorus Carousel.** Along the streets of El Puerto. Starting and ending at Micaela Aramburu St, 1:30 p.m.  
**Carnaval Announcement** and Proclamation of Carnaval Queen, at Plaza de la Herreria, 10 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance,** at Plaza de la Galeras Reales, midnight.

**Chipiona**  
XII Piropo a Chipiona. Peña Cruz del Mar, 9:30 p.m.  
**Base**  
**Italica: Roman Ruins.** This ITT trip begins with a tour of the archaeological Museum in Sevilla that is home for treasures of the first important Roman settlement in Iberia. Next, explore the amphitheater, forum and Roman baths. Call ext. 3101 for more information.  
**Glo Bowling.** Put on your “Glo” hats and shoes and join your friends for the new craze at Rota Lanes from 8:30 until midnight. No lane reservations. Call ext. 2112 for more information.

Sunday

March 5  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Satirical Singing Chorus Carousel.** Plaza de la Libertad, (central market), 1:30 p.m.  
**Carnaval Parade.** Starting at Ramón de Carranza Stadium along to the pier, 6 p.m.  
**Fire works, at Sta. Catalina Castle,** 11:30 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance,** at la Carpa

in the Fishing Pier, midnight.  
**Rota (Children Day)**  
“II Higada Popular” and satirical singing groups will perform at Charco St., noon.  
**Children’s Custome Parade.** Starting at Plaza de España, noon.  
**First “Local Pasodoble” Contest.** Valle Inclan St. 1 p.m.  
**El Puerto**  
**Carnaval Parade.** Starting at the Bullring and ending at Pozo Dulces. 3 p.m.  
**Chipiona**  
**II Menuá,** at Bda. Andalucía, noon.  
**III Cabrillá,** Francisco Pizarro St., noon.  
**Base**  
**Cadiz Carnival.** Join ITT and Liberty programs on their trip to the Cadiz Carnival. Experience the excitement of Mardi Gras celebrations in Spain. Call exts.3101 or 2527 for more information.  
**Tire Specials.** Every Sunday in March, Auto Hobby shop offers 50% off tires & balances. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

Monday

March 6  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Satirical Songs Carousel,** Plaza de la Libertad, (around the Central market), 1:30 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance,** at La Carpa in the Fishing Pier, midnight.  
**Rota**  
**First Provincial Carnaval Singing Contest,** through Wednesday, Mar.8. Plaza de las Canteras, 9 p.m. Price: 500 ptas.  
**Base**  
**Shaker Table.** Join the classes, March 6, 7 & 8, to make a double Shaker table. You’ll be proud to display this piece in your home. Call ext. 2284 for details.  
**Torch Club Meeting.** If you are 11 years of age or older, join the group at the Edge. The meeting begins at4 p.m. Call ext. 4252 for details.  
**Bowling Special.** Every Monday and Tuesday in March, you can bowl from 2 – 10 p.m. for only \$1 per game. Call ext. 2112 for more information.  
**Darts Anyone?** Champions hosts this tournament beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and a minimum of four people is needed. Call ext. 2433 for more info.

8 Days a Week

Tuesday

March 7  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Tanguillos Dance Contest** Fishing Pier, 4:30 p.m.  
**Dios Momo Parade.** Along the streets, 8 p.m.  
**Burning of Dios Momo.** Plaza de S. Antonio, 10 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance** in honor of Dios Momo. La Carpa at the fishing Pier, midnight.  
**Horse Show.** See the famous Andalusian Dancing Horses, visit a bodega and discover why Jerez is famous for its sherry all in the same day. Call ext. 3101 for more information.

Wednesday

March 8  
**Cádiz Carnaval 2000**  
**Tanguillos Dance Contest.** Fishing Pier, 4:30 p.m.  
**Masquerade Dance.** La Carpa at the fishing Pier, midnight.  
**Gibraltar Shopping.** Find those pieces of Lladro you have been looking for at one of the many shops on the Main Street. And while you’re there, try some fish and chips. Experience a little of the British culture. ITT can get you there! Call ext. 3101 for more details.

Thursday

March 9  
**Sevilla’s History.** Join ITT for this trip to the historical city of Sevilla. See the famous Alcazar and the Cathedral of Spain. Call ext. 3101 for more information.  
**Auto Hobby Shop.** Every Thursday in March, get stall and lift fees for 50% off the regular prices. Call ext. 2268 for more information.  
**Auto Used Parts Emporium.** Every Thursday in March, all items at the facility are 25 % off. Call ext. 1530 for info.

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Beyond

**NEW! Tumbling and cheerleading** classes are being taught every Saturday and Sunday in the Summit at Expeditions. Let coach David teach you the proper techniques. Call ext. 2527 for the schedule of classes available.  
**Locker Room Closing** The Pro Shop at the Fitness Center offers 50% off all women’s merchandise and 30% off all other merchandise in stock. Now is the time to save lots of money on those name-brand items you’ve been wanting. Call ext. 2565 for info.  
**Highland Dancing** If you are interested in a challenge and stepping to a different beat, try the new classes in this Scottish dance form. For more information, call ext. 2527 or stop by Expeditions.  
**Comment Line** MWR now has a line open for your comments and suggestions. Call ext. 1522.  
**Website** Visit the MWR web page at www.mwrrota.com.

Carnaval dates

**Carnivals in the area**  
**Puerto Serrano,** Feb. 26 through Mar. 5.  
**Puerto Real ,** Feb. 27 through Mar. 12.  
**El Puerto de Sta. Maria,** Feb. 28 through Mar. 5.  
**San Jose del Valle,** Feb. 29 through Mar. 5.  
**Cadiz,** Mar. 2 through Mar. 12.  
**Rota,** Mar. 4 through Mar. 12  
**San Fernando,** Mar. 4 through Mar. 12  
**Chipiona,** Mar. 5 through Mar. 18.  
**Sanlucar,** Mar. 11 through Mar. 18.  
**Chiclana,** Mar. 2 through Mar. 12

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# Rota Little Theatre group performs ‘Steel Magnolias’

JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

The opening weekend for Rota Little Theatre’s production of Robert Harling’s ‘Steel Magnolias’ is bringing positive reviews from the community.

Nearly 100 people have attended the show and officials from the Rota Little Theatre group expect more to attend the last three showings tonight, tomorrow and Saturday.

“The best part is people are stopping to tell us how

wonderful the show is,” said Amy Agar, who plays M’Lynn in the play. “The best thing is a couple of the men who came to see us admitted to crying. It’s good to know we can touch people like that,” she said.

The play is similar to the 1989 movie starring Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Olympia Dukakis, Daryl Hannah and Dolly Parton.

“I think the hardest thing is people comparing us to the movie,” said Agar. “I’m

playing the role of Sally Field and she’s won an Academy Award,” she said.

But because the material is familiar with many people, the theatre groups hopes it’ll bring people out to watch how Rota’s actors treat that material.

“A play like this, you have to make the [audience] care about your character,” said Agar. “You really have to pull them in and make them care.”

After the first three shows, it seems Rota Little



*This weekend is the last showing of ‘Steel Magnolias’*

Theater is succeeding. “We have been pleased with the response,” said Agar. “I hope people are telling their friends that this is not just a ‘chick-flick’ and people should come see it. I hope a lot of people will try some-

thing new and come out to see the show,” she said. “I think people will be pleasantly surprised, even if they’re not into theater.”

“I thought the characters were believable and the play was enjoyable,” said Shari

Hooks, who attended the play Sunday night. “I attend most of the Rota Little Theatre group plays because I appreciate the time and effort they put into the art.”

That type of feedback is what Agar said makes it all worth it. “We love what we do and it’s great to get the appreciation of those who see our plays,” said Agar.

“Steel Magnolias” is directed by Chris Agar and stars Kim Jaramillo, Nichelle Boatwright, Renee Atkinson, Mel Whiteside, Patti Deckert and Drew O’Connel.

Rota Little Theatre is a non-profit performing arts organization and is not funded through the MWR.

Hanna is back! I’m sure many of you remember him and his Lebanese specialties and more than likely some of you have seen him since he is now located right downtown in Puerto, next to Romerijo. He has been there for a while, but had not wanted to advertise until he got things set up more or less the way he wanted.

The place is now called **Tele Showarma** and you can eat in or take out. He is planning to have a home delivery service, but as I write this he doesn’t yet have phone. Anyway, it is great to know that we can again enjoy his great Lebanese specialties: showarma (gyros), hummos, musaka, tzatziki., tabuli, falafell, etc.

**Muebes Carlos Sánchez** is ad-

vertising with us again. Some of you may remember them from before Christmas, they make beautiful hand made mahogany pieces and they will custom make for you. They are located just outside of Chipiona, on the road that goes to Sanlúcar, off to your right, near the flower exhibit place. It is worth the drive to see their display.

**Cerámica Chirrido** has moved. Even if the name doesn’t ring a bell right away, I know many of you are familiar with the store. It used to be located on Aviator

Durán in Rota, right across from JOME. It had a very narrow entrance so the store wasn’t real visible. Now in its new location, it is very visible because of the location and a nice big window. It is located at María Auxiliadora, 11, almost on the corner of Avenida San Fernando, across from Oh La La. Here you can find a large selection of ceramics: plates, flower pots, mirrors, mud dolls and more.

It has been a while since I have mentioned **Taller Ruso**, a place where you can get your car repaired

by a mechanic you can trust. The owner, José María Pérez Ruso, was chief mechanic for BMW in France and no one around here knows BMW’s like he does. However, he doesn’t limit himself to BMW and works equally well with other automobiles. José María fixes mechanical and electrical problems and has a partner located nearby who does body work. **Taller Ruso** is located in the Polígono Industrial “El Palmar”, across the highway from El Paseo in Puerto de Santa María.

Just a reminder about the three new restaurants that have opened this year and we have advertised: **El Gaucho** an Argentine restaurant on the Rota – Puerto road across from Vistahermosa, **La Brasita** in Vistahermosa and **Restaurante Lolita** on Avenida de la Diputación in Rota, near the Hotel Playa de la Luz. Keep them in mind when you want to try something different.

Let’s hear from you! Share with other readers information about the surrounding area: your favorite spots and shops. Contact me by e-mail at [COASTPUB@santadersupernet.com](mailto:COASTPUB@santadersupernet.com) or at [coastpub@retemail.es](mailto:coastpub@retemail.es), by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

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# ‘Classics of the Hardwood’ tour comes to Rota

Story and photos by  
Lt. j.g. Bill Davis  
Public Affairs Officer

“Now that guy’s tall!”  
That was a common thought with people who attended the “Classics of the Hardwood” tour last week and seeing 7 foot, 2 inch Artis Gilmore on the basketball court at the Fitness Center. The former NBA star was touring with Harlem Globetrotter great, Fred “Curly” Neal, and former NBA leading scorer, Adrian Dantley, and conducted an autograph signing session and kids’ clinic and played a basketball game with the Rota All-Stars.

Rota was the final leg of the MWR and Pro Sports Tour that took the basketball ‘giants’ to NSA Souda Bay, NAS Sigonella, NSA Naples, USS La Salle, and NSA La Maddelena.

It’s been an opportunity for the players to give back to the military community by meeting fans of all ages in the Mediterranean bases.

“It’s been a super tour,” said “Curly” Neal, who played 22 seasons as a key member of the Harlem Globetrotters. Curly, who’s considered one of the greatest all-time dribblers, says it’s been great to be able to rub elbows with families and kids.

The goodwill tour has not only been an opportunity for fans to meet the superstars, but also a chance to send a message to the kids in the community.

“We try to promote education as a whole, by staying in school, getting your education first, and then chasing your dream to become whatever you want to be-

come,” said Neal.

Gilmore, who played 12 seasons with the NBA and five in the ABA, was known as the workhorse, playing 670 consecutive games at one stretch. He says the opportunity to visit military bases like Rota is something that is certainly appreciated and is sort of a spin-off of the things people like Bob Hope initiated many years ago.

“We back home appreciate the sacrifice that the military people are making to assist in protecting our well-being,” said Gilmore.

The three superstars began their tour of Rota by first meeting the base commanding officer, Capt. Richard Noble, in his office. Gilmore had to duck to get through all of the doorways, but at over 7 feet tall, what do you expect.

Soon after, they conducted an autograph signing session and kids’ clinic for a few hundred people at the Fitness Center Gym. For most of the kids, it was a chance of lifetime to see some basketball legends of the past few decades.

Nine-year-old Emma Saavedra sneaked a high-five from Globetrotter great Neal. Seven-year-old Jazmin Griffith posed for her own poster shot with Neal. But when it came to the former Globetrotter’s talents, 7-year-old Shakir Phillips and dozens of other kids got to be right there in the action. Neal helped the kids spin the ball on their own fingers, many who made it past the count of ‘20’. NBA, or should it be WNBA, look out!

Dantley helped the middle-



“Curly” shows a little ball-spinning action to Spencer Adametz at the kids’ clinic at the base gym. The tour by basketball greats Neal, Gilmore and Dantley was sponsored by MWR and Pro Sports MVP.

ranged kids with dribbling and layups, while Gilmore helped the older kids with passing and shooting.

After the sessions with the kids, the B-ball greats hit the courts with some other great players, the Rota All-Stars.

The half-court, three-on-three game was a real treat for the Rota team, who considered it a chance of a lifetime.

Austin Wilder, center for the base team, said this was the closest thing to playing in the NBA by playing with these guys. However, at 6 feet, 6 inches and one of the tallest men on the base, Wilder was still no match for the giant Gilmore.

“I think the challenge was to at least score a basket. At each post, we were outgunned,” Wilder said.

The base team did get beat, but depending on whom you talk to, the score is only relative. It was some-

Austin Wilder, AKA ‘the short guy’, is drawfed by 7 foot, 2 inch Artis Gilmore, an All-Star in 11 of his 17 years as a pro. Usually, Wilder is known by most his friends on the base as “Big ‘O’”, but standing next to Gilmore, his friends started calling him “Cheeri-‘O’”. At 6 feet, 6 inches, Wilder plays center for the Rota All-Stars.



where in the neighborhood of...oh, who knows, it’s the fun that counts, right?

For Neal, that’s what it’s all about, as he thanked the U.S. Navy for having this tour.

“Everybody watches the NBA or has seen the Harlem Globetrotters. We try to provide entertainment, whether you’re 6 or 69.”



“Curly” Neal gives a high-five to 9-year-old Emma Saavedra during an autograph signing session at Rota last week. Neal has been touring with NBA greats Artis Gilmore and Adrian Dantley at Navy bases in the Mediterranean.



At more than seven feet tall, Gilmore barely gets off the ground as his hands reach over the basket in an exhibition game between the basketball superstars and the Rota All-Stars. The base team considered it an experience of a lifetime to play with such court legends.

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# NAVY FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

## Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The Volunteer of the Year Award program recognizes the contributions of volunteers who give freely to improve the quality of life in the Rota community.

There are two types of awards given. The Helping Hand Award, for a volunteer who has contributed up to 300 hours during the year and the Volunteer of the Year, for a volunteer who has contributed more than 300 hours during the year.

Each organization may submit one Helping Hand and one Volunteer of the Year active duty nomination and one Helping Hand and one Volunteer of the Year civilian nomination.

The current period for nominations is 1 March 1999 through 29 February 2000.

Instructions for submitting nominations are included in NAVSTA Rota Instructions 1700.13.

Deadline for nominations are 31 March 2000. All nominations should be sent to:

Kathy Arcement  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Navy Family Service Center  
PSC 819 Box 57  
FPO AE 09645

The program encompasses all command and organization in Rota, ie., athletic coaches, scout leaders, Ombudsman, and teacher assistants.

## Spanish Classes

Spanish classes begin on March 6 for 6 weeks. There are two beginning Spanish courses 9:15 - 10:15 and 3:30-4:30. Intermediate Spanish is 11:30 - 12:30. For more information call 3232.

## Creative Resume

March 10, 9:00-11:00  
A good resume is of key importance in the job search process. Employers usually see your resume before they meet you, so learn to write a resume that stands out among the rest. This program is designed to help you prepare a resume that will impress your next employer. Topics include: resume formats, skills and abilities, the cover letter, do's and don'ts

of resume writing and more.

## Electronic Filing of Resumes for CNE Job Fair

The family service center will be open 1700-2000 to offer assistance filing resumes electronically on 9, 15, 16, 22, 29 and 30 March. All interviewees attending the Job Fair on May 16, 17, & 18 will be required to electronically submit their resumes to Military Overseas recruiting events (M.O.R.E.) [www.more-web.com](http://www.more-web.com), the company coordinating the Job Fair.

The NFSC Employment Resource Center has four computers that will be available for conducting the electronic filing of resumes. Train staff will also be available to assist and answer questions.

## Resume Preparation for Job Fair

2 March 2000 1800-2000  
Be prepared for the upcoming CINAVEUR Job Fair which will be held at Naval Station Rota, May 16, 17 \$ 18. All interviewees will be required to submit a resume. This workshop teaches you the basics of writing a resume. Learn which format best describes your skills and accomplishments and stands

The Season of Lent begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>, **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Worship services are included in the schedule below.

### Worship Schedule

03 Mar	7 p.m.	Jewish Sabbath Services (Chapel Hall)
04	6 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
05	9 a.m.	RC Mass
		Prot SS @ DGF
	10:30	Contemporary Prot Worship
		RC CCD @ DGF
	Noon	RC Mass
	1330	Gospel Fellowship ServiceChurch of Christ (Chapel Hall)
08 Mar		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	Noon	RC Mass
	6 p.m.	RC Mass
	7 p.m.	Prot Communion Service

## CHAPLINE

by Chaplain Doug Rosander

There's an old hymn that is almost as familiar to Americans as 'The Star-Spangled Banner'. That hymn is entitled, 'Amazing Grace'. Though it is well-known in America, it was actually written by an Englishman. His name was John Newton.

Newton was born in 1725. At the early age of 11 his father introduced him

to the ways of a seafarer's life. Seven years later, John was pressed into the service of the Royal Navy. Soon after, he deserted the Royal Navy and was traded onto a slave ship where he lived the life of a slave. But even though me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

The grace of God changed Newton's life. He became a man who now treated others with love and respect. The one-time slave-trader had now become the servant of others.

from the rest.

## Active parenting of teens

For parents of teens in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Thursdays, 2 MARCH - 6 APRIL, 1715-1915 in the NFSC classroom  
The purpose of this course is to support the develop-

ment of human potential through the family structure by providing parents with the information and skills to prepare children who will develop the qualities necessary for thriving in a democratic society through cooperation, courage and responsibility.

It is a six part series including:

*The Active Parent*  
*Instilling Courage and Self-Esteem*  
*Developing Responsibility*  
*Winning Cooperation*  
*The Challenge of Alcohol and Other Drugs*  
*Parenting and Teen Sexuality*

To register for the course, come by or call 3232.

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# AFN TELEVISION

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GATEWAY AUDITORIUM

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8:30 p.m. Any Given Sunday (R)

Friday

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9:30 p.m. Man on the Moon (R)

Midnight: The Beach (R)

Saturday

3 p.m. Galaxy Quest (PG)

7 p.m. Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13)

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Midnight: The Whole Nine Yards (R)

Sunday

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6 p.m. Galaxy Quest (PG)

8:30 p.m. The Whole Nine Yards (R)

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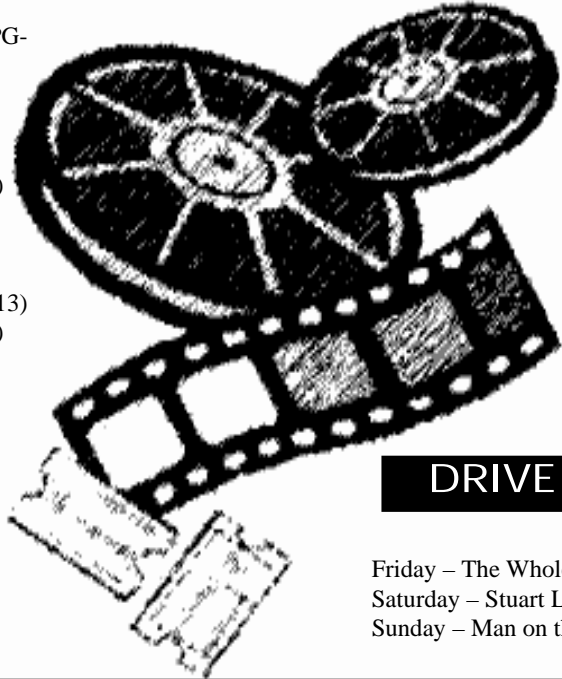
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MOVIES



G – General Audiences, All ages admitted

PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children

PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

R – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

All MWR movies are free, all the time.

MWR’s Movie Information Line extension is 2624.

DRIVE - IN

Friday – The Whole Nine Yards (R)

Saturday – Stuart Little (PG)

Sunday – Man on the Moon (R)

Drive-in movies begin around 8:30 p.m.

<p><b>The Beach</b> (R - for extreme profanity, sexuality and violence) Drama; Leonardo DiCaprio, Virginie Ledoyen (119 min.) A young nicotine-addicted American traveler, who is also an avid pop culture buff with a particular interest in video games and Vietnam war movies, finds himself in possession of a map that supposedly leads to a legendary island paradise where other wayward souls have settled.</p>	<p><b>Stuart Little</b> (PG - for brief language) Family; Voice of Michael J. Fox, Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki (85 min.) Stuart is a mouse raised by a human family, the Littles. As he embarks on adventures, including his nemesis, Snowball the cat, Stuart learns the true meaning of family, loyalty and friendship.</p>	<p><b>Any Given Sunday</b> (R - for strong language and sexuality) Drama; Al Pacino, Jamie Fox, Cameron Diaz (170 min.) The Sharks struggle with the balance of old and new as a third-string quarterback must lead the team to the playoffs. The young quarterback must rise above the fame and newfound glory. The coach must adapt after working with the original quarterback and general manager for so many years.</p>	<p><b>Man on the Moon</b> (R - For language and brief sexuality/nudity) Drama; Jim Carey, Danny DeVito, Paul Giamatti, Courtney Love (118 min.) This drama portrays the life of the late Andy Kaufman who was considered one of the most innovative, eccentric comics of his time. Kaufman was a comic who made up his own rules.</p>	<p><b>The Whole Nine Yards</b> (R -for some nudity, sexuality and violence) Comedy; Bruce Willis, Amanda Peet, Matthew Perry (103 min.) A suburban neighborhood is unwittingly forced into the world of organized crime, when they discover that their new neighbor, Jimmy Tulip, is a mob kingpin.</p> <p><b>Snow Falling on Cedars</b> (PG-13) No other information available.</p>	<p><b>Galaxy Quest</b> (PG – for some action violence, mild language and sensuality) Comedy; Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman (106 min.) When a group of aliens is threatened with destruction, they kidnap the out-of-work actors of a ‘70s TV series. Without a script or director, and no clue about real space travel, the actors find they must turn in the performances of their lives to become the heroes the aliens believe them to be.</p>
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# CLASSIFIEDS

## AUTOS

BMW model 323I sedan, 4 doors, 5 white seats, sun roof, AM/FM stereo cassette, power steering. Asking \$4,000. Call x2593(work) or 956-81-3184(home)

1989 Subaru Justy, A/C, radio, unleaded fuel, good condition. Asking \$1,200 OBO. Call 627-04-8510 for more information

1995 Jeep Cherokee Sport, ITV good until Jul 01, PW, PS, PL, smoke tinted window, Kenwood 10 disc cd player, AM/FM cassette with removable face, alarm with automatic locking doors, tires just one year old, tan with black trim. Asking \$15,000 OBO. Contact Jon at x3786(work) or 696-00-0203 (home)

1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee excellent condition, 35,000 miles. Asking \$19,000. Call Kenneth at x2197(work) or x4303(home)

1996 Jeep Cherokee Country, loaded, two tone color, black and gold. Asking \$14,500. Call 649-03-5601

1990 Geo Prizm excellent condition, auto, a/c, PS, new paint job, maintenance record. Must sell because we are moving. \$3,900 OBO. Call 2355 or 956-81-6373

1986 Alfa Romeo 4 door, silver, stylish, runs good, ITV good until June, insurance good until Aug. Asking \$1,500. Call Vic at x1654(work) or x4293(home)

1990 Chevy Corsica, V-6, AM/FM cassette, ITV until March, must sell \$2,200 OBO. Call Laura or Matthew at x4311 after 3pm

1991 BMW K75-Rt motorcycle, Spanish taxes paid, great touring bike, complete with full fairing and side cases. Asking \$3,800. Call x3541(work) or 956-48-1403

1983 Ford Escort good condition. Asking \$1,000. Call DeAnna at x3663(work) or x4231(home)

1995 Mazda Miata MX-5 Special Edition convertible, 39k miles, fully loaded, new paint, Paid \$18,000, asking \$15,000 OBO. Call Rachael at 606-91-1636

Peogeout 505, PS/PW, etc, ITV good until December 00, insurance good until October 00, looks and runs great. Asking \$1,500. PCSing March 7. Call x2925 or 956-81-2622 (after 7pm) and ask for Manolo Neva.

1993 YAMAHA YZF750, Spanish Taxes Paid. Totally Rebuilt/Repainted Oct 97. Too many extras to list, asking

\$4,500. Call AGC Stupans at X3946 or610-72-8828.

Yamaha FJ 1206, 50,000 km., Spanish plates. \$2,000. Call 609-51-1360 or 956-87-2005.

1989 Ford Fiesta ITV till Oct. has been reliable for past 4 years. \$1500 or reasonable offer call x4513

1990 Mercedes 230 Sports Coupe, white, sun roof, CD player with remote control, amplifiers, Power window and locks, perfect condition. Have to sell, excellent price. Ask for Jimmy. 956-48-0546 or 666-45-0550

1991 Lancia, 4 cyl, 16 valve, 5 SPD, P/S, P/B, remote locking w/alarm, alloy wheels, 170 kms, ITV thru Nov. 01, new timing belt and valves. \$4,700 Call Bob Blake, 956-84-0615.

## FOR SALE

Junior white and pink Sevillana dress . Adult yellow Sevillana dress \$125 each, worn one year practically new, cocktail dresses \$25 each. Call Shari at x4833

Black Opus (black with white iris) Mikasa China serves eight with extras \$300 or make offer, cherry wood with glass center coffee and end table set \$75, gas cans \$5 each.

Lladro figure “Lady with Greyhound” last made in

## How to submit an ad to Rota Coastline

All TEI ‘Spanish ID’ card holders, including active-duty U.S. military members, DoD civilian employees, and their family members are eligible to place free advertisements and are limited to 25 words. Free ads are restricted to non-commercial goods and services. If you meet these requirements, you may stop by the Coastline office to place your ad. Note: You must have a valid TEI card to submit a free ad.

Paid ads for commercial and non-commercial goods and services are available to non-TEI card holders as well as U.S. servicemembers and civilian employees. The civilian publisher of the Coastline, Karen Lucas, sets fees for classified ads. To place an ad, call 956-54-2997, 607-56-4132 or e-mail COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com.

We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad to meet NavSta Rota and Coastline policy. Goods and services offered must be available without regard to race, creed, religion or country of national origin.

1981, auctioned for over \$820. Asking \$400. Limited edition Elisa ceramic figures. New for \$200. Asking \$150.

Ceramic figure of Hindu man \$80. Lladro figure “Magic” last sold in 1985 for \$600. Partially broken. Asking \$200. Lladro figurines all limited editions “The Flirt” last made in 1978. Auctioned for \$850. Asking \$400. Call Jon or Maria at 956-85-7936

Call Anna at 956-48-2136 or x2111

VHS tapes for sale \$10 each. Call Petty Officer Jakway at x2421 for more information

NEW Uniden 900 MgHz cordless phone in box...110 volt, can’t use on economy \$50, Hewlett-Packard SCSI professional 1200 dpi scanner (incl. SCSI controller) \$150, US Compatible Cell Phone for sale: Samsung / Sprint model (PCS system), runs on rechargeable cards only 2 months old, paid \$100 but will sell for \$60, Universal DC

adaptor, 110volt \$10, NiCad AA battery charger (new) 110 volt \$10, local Cub Scout Uniform: long/short sleeve shirts, NEW cap, bandanas, etc \$20, new hair trimmer set 110volt \$15. Call Dave at x2783

4 Oak kitchen chairs \$10 each, rust leather love seat \$100.00. Call 956-54-2997

Desk and bookshelf \$85, 220V Hoover vacuum with all attachments \$85, 220V hand held mixer with all attachments \$20, butano heater \$50. Call Jon at x3384 or email [jsaddington@rotamedrotanavy.mil](mailto:jsaddington@rotamedrotanavy.mil)

New full size orthopedic mattress. Asking \$200 OBO. Call 956-87-0805 or 956-54-0496

Matching coffee table with 2 end tables good condition \$65.00 OBO, microwave/ T.V. Stand with wheels great condition \$10.00. Call Jenny at x4828.

Beautiful flamenco dress with embroidery, orange, petite (size 8-10) asking \$100, two flamenco dresses one dark red with tiny white dots (size 8-10) \$90, other small green flowers with lace and ribbon (size 8-10) \$100. Call x2813

2 electric radiator heaters: large size \$45, medium size \$35. Both only 3 months old. 110 V microwave. \$35. Call Chad at 956-48-0929

White baby crib without mattress purchased from the Home Center asking \$50, Graco open top glider swing battery operated \$30, both in excellent condition. Call 956-48-0554 after 6pm

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CLASSIFIEDS  
HOUSES/APTS

Unfurnished house in LAS REDES for rent. 4 Bedrooms; 2 Baths; Kitchen; Living Rm/ dining area; Fireplace; Driveway; Yard, Swimming Pool; Telephone line. Can be furnished; Ideal for sharing. Rent includes Community and Gardener fees. 160,000 Pts/ mo. Call Ed: 956-87-1519 or 639-31-0436.

Apartment with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in excellent area of Rota, walking distance to restaurants, market and beach but in quiet location. 75.000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

Nice townhouse for rent in El Manantial: 2 stories, 4 bedrooms, w/closets, 2 ½ baths, furnished kitchen, front/back yards, driveway, large community yard in back, public forest opposite, satellite dish. 80.000 ptas./mo. Commission free, English spoken. Call Eloy at 956-54-0044 or 689-19-0243.

For rent: Beautiful apartment at El Rompidillo beach. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living-dining room, complete kitchen, garage, balcony to the beach. Furnished/ unfurnished. Close to the Base. 65,000 ptas. Call Maria, x2813.

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Need a house? We'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-56-2313 or 610-75-3503. Call us anytime.

For rent: Duplex style single family home with great size living room w/fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of light, large balcony & garage. 80.000 ptas./mo. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

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Apartment overlooking the beach in Fuentebravía for rent. One bedroom, one bath, living/dining room, kitchen, large terrace and garage. 75.000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-85-0653.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Intensive Spanish Courses: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-87-1926.

Lord, let me take each day as coming from you. To give it back to you with Your Will complete. And, dear Lord, let me be kind, let me never be discouraged or feel sorry for myself, because You stand beside me — every day. Amen Jess López

PETS

Free: female adult cat, declawed and neutered. All shots updated Feb. 2000. Food, litter and accessories free. Call David at 670-038454.

Parakeets, Cockatiels and other types of parrots already trained to sit on finger and shoulder. Call Antonio at 956-371885 or 610050516 (speaks little English).

Adopt a Pet at Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL). Various dogs and cats to choose from. Call 4000 or stop by (across from the drive-in).

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## SPORTS

# 6 Naval Base athletes run Sevilla marathon

Rota Runners  
Lt.j.g. Sean Smith  
Rota Running Club member

Joy, pain, and pride in personal achievement. When one thinks of the word marathon, all these thoughts and more come to mind. Now, combine these emotions with Seville, capital of the ancient Moorish Empire, and showplace of modern Andalucia.

On Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, six NAVSTA Rota runners, Steven Serna, Azuree K. Nystrom, Ron Owens, Brian Voorhees, Bill Rojas, and Sean G. Smith did just that.

The six runners, representing four separate commands pushed themselves through 26.4 long miles to successfully complete the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Seville Marathon. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it was said, "he who has not seen Seville, has not seen a marvel."

Rota's marathoners can truly say they have experienced this wonderful city. Their route led them over the Rio Gaudalquivir's picturesque bridges, through the cobblestone streets of the Triana Gypsy quarter, between the Almohad Tower of Gold and the



Jennifer Smith

*Steven Serna, Azuree K-Nystrom, Brian Vorhees, Sean Smith and Bill Rojas ran in Sunday's Sevilla Marathon.*

Real Maestranza Plaza de Toros, and ultimately to a triumphant finish among the roars of cheering Spanish spectators in the Olympic stadium.

For the members of the Rota Running club, the Seville marathon was the result of months of dedicated training that included races in Jerez, Lebrija, Ecija, and Los Palacios.

If you are interested in fun, fitness, and experiencing Spain in a

unique way, the Rota Runners welcome you. The Rota Running club has runners of all ability levels, who regularly train together, volunteer and participate in MWR races, and run at least one Spanish race a month.

We are hosting an open house Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. . Please call Jennifer Smith at 956-815-226, Brian Voorhees at x4823, or e-mail [jennis1@hotmail.com](mailto:jennis1@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Briefly

### Thrift Store

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store (in Bldg. 575) is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.. All T.E.I. (Spanish ID) cardholders are welcome to shop. Come in and check out the bargains.

### NCLC Hours

The Navy College Learning Center is open Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Learning Center has a variety of free work skills and academic classes to meet your educational needs. Come in and see how we can help you prepare for college, as well as improve your job performance. Visit the NCLC in Bldg. 52 (PSD) or call ext. 3070 for more information today.

### Leadership Training Continuum (LTC) course

The following are the scheduled class dates for Leadership Training Continuum (LTC).

E-5	17-28 Apr; 15-26 May; 10-21 Jul; 14-25 Aug
E-6	13-24 Mar; 5-16 Jun; 28 Aug- 8 Sept
E-7	19-30 Jun

After Oct. 1, completion of LTC will be required to take the E-6 or E-7 advancement exam or participate in the E-8 advancement cycle. Twice as many classes have been requested, but this is the fair share. We must make sure we do not let a single one of these seats go unfilled. Scheduling POC for COMNAVACTS is NC1 Jackson at 2496.

### Wanted ads, continued from previous page

Reliable responsible caregiver needed immediately to supervise 3 active young men (ages 5, 5, and 8) during before and after school hours (7am-5pm) in our home or yours. Must be available full time during school holidays. Please call x4615 after 5pm.

American refrigerator that measures approximately 29" wide, 30" deep and 64" high. Call Pip or Tom at 966-49-8590 or leave a message at 956-54-2997.

Volunteer needed at RAWL to feed, bathe, clean cages, and walk dogs. Call x4000 for more info.

## Football dumpings, baseball trades, basketball image

Jeez, I take off for 3 weeks and look what happens. Normally, the period between the Super Bowl & March Madness is dreadfully slow. Not so this year. In just the short time while I was away, Dennis Rodman got a new job, Ken Griffey got traded, Ray Lewis was charged with murder, and Marty McSorley proved that God definitely pulled an all-nighter on the sixth day.

All this leads me to an obvious conclusion: I need a guest columnist. Anyone who would like to do this can send a sample column to [rgambrel@arconet.es](mailto:rgambrel@arconet.es). It's really easy. Just jot down a few ill-conceived opinions or bad predictions about your favorite team or topic. In other words, just do what I do every week. I'll print my favorite in the coming weeks. Let's roll...

I've recently been provided ample evidence that loyalty & professional team sports are two things that can no longer co-exist.

I think we can finally call time of death on the days of the single-jersey career. Last week I watched in disbelief



as the Bills & Dolphins collectively dumped Bruce Smith, Andre Reed, Thurman Thomas, and Dan Marino (actually he dumped himself).

Over in baseball, Ken Griffey Jr. traded in his 10-year-old Mariners lid for a nice, new Reds cap. He will soon be joined by former-Falcons, former-49ers, former-Cowboys defensive back Deion Sanders.

Sunday night I watched Scottie Pippen, Penny Hardaway, and Shaquille O'Neal play in different games of an NBC triple-header.

For a long time, I could see all three on the same court whenever the Magic played the Bulls. Something

I did enjoy watching that night was Vince Carter pouring in 51 points for the Toronto Raptors. But this joy was tempered by the logical assumption that Vince Carter is nothing more than a short-timer in Canada. I suppose the next thing they're gonna tell me is that Tommy Lasorda's blood is actually red.

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I was sitting in my hotel room in Naples watching the NBA All-Star game when it occurred to me that the NBA needs a new slogan.

Yes, "NBA action is fantastic" was fine for the Nineties, but now that we are livin' in the Zeroes, we need a new saying. I've got a great suggestion.

Howzabout "NBA Hoops...an ounce of image is worth a pound of talent!"? Yep, I think I like the sound of it. As a matter of fact, It's perfect.

Where else but in the NBA does a kid like Jason Williams get more press than Tim

Duncan? Not that it doesn't make complete sense. I mean Tim Duncan doesn't have a nickname to speak of

while Jason Williams has that cool "White Chocolate" moniker. Additionally, "WC" plays for a young, hot, upstart team in Sacramento.

There are whispers that the Kings might even make it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the playoffs this year. All Duncan's got is that crappy strike-shortened championship ring.

And who cares about that boring bank-shot Duncan sinks everytime? Have you seen "white chocolate"

throw one off the backboard for his trailing man to dunk? Heck, last weekend, it *almost* worked. There were even some jerks in the media who criticized poor Jason for doing it with his team down 15 points.

These guys obviously don't know what an ounce of image is worth. And has anyone stopped to wonder what a *pound* of image is worth? In today's NBA? It's gotta be at least five Larry Birds.

See ya next week.

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# Lady Admirals win division basketball championship

The Lady Admirals won the District III North Basketball Championship.

The team competed and defeated teams from England and Germany to win

their first ever Division Championship.

The Ladies from Rota deployed a relentless press against each opponent and forced them into unexpected

turnovers.

The Admirals were lead by junior Kelsey Hudson who was voted as the tournaments best player.

Hudson scored 28 points against Menwith Hill England, 29 against London Central and 33 of 42 points against Bad Kreuznach, Germany in the championship game.

She averaged 30 points over the three day event. Senior Erica Green was also named to the all tournament team for her efforts on the hardwood floor, she scored 12 points in the opener with Menwithhill.

The Lady Admirals qualified for the final four in Germany with a 13-5 record

and traveled to Mannhiem, Germany for the European Championships.

The team did not fair as well in Germany, losing four straight games to the German, Italian and Turkey Champions.

The team was severely hampered by the loss of Hudson to an ankle fracture early in the second game. Freshman Jessie Bray and junior Erin Buckles tried to pick up the slack but the other teams proved to be too strong for the team from Rota.

Bray was a definite bright spot for the Lady Hoopsters and will be a great addition to the team next year.



DGF's Lady Admiral's basketball team beat out teams from England and Germany for their divisional title.

## Youth Sports Shorts

**Teen fitness** happens every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. Teens have the opportunity to learn weight and endurance training from certified personal trainers. Transportation leaves from "The Edge" right after school.

**Tee-ball, baseball and softball sign ups** for ages 4 to 17 are ongoing until March 20. Kids 9 and up must attend

skills assessments Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. at the youth sports complex. Call ext. 2382 for more information.

A **Youth Sports Fun Run** is scheduled for Spring Break. Sprints of 50, 100 and 200 meters for different age categories, 7 and up. Condition now to win prizes! Details to come!

A **teen "extreme sports"** day is also scheduled for spring break. This will include rock wall climbing, kayak lessons, racing and more.



Shari Hooks

## Youth Basketball League underway

*The Yellow Jackets and Blue Jays go into overtime to break a 30 - 30 tie during a recent Youth Basketball League game. Players in the 7 to 9 year-old division use 9 foot goals instead of the normal 10 foot goals.*

*Players ages 7 to 9 are on the courts from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; ages 10 and 11 play from 1:30 to 4:30 and ages 12 and up play from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All games are at the DGF High School gym. Ages 5 and 6 play from 10 to noon in the DGF multi-purpose room.*

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